relating to minimum capitalization, minimum land area, etc. have also been issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. FDI in this sector would be permissible with prior Government approval.

(c) Each proposal for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is to be decided on case to case basis on the merits of the case where interests of the Indian Construction Companies in the housing sector will be duly taken care of.

New memory enhancing pills

*55. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received proposals from bio-tech companies to launch new memory enhancing pills in India;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals with names of MNCs;

(c) whether trial tests have since been completed; and

(d) if so, the results of the tests and the names of the companies who are likely to get clearance from Government to launch these pills?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No proposal has been received by the Drugs Controller General (India) from Biotech Companies to launch new memory enhancing pills in India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bids for IBP

*56. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "IOC increases lead in IBP race with Rs.1100 cr. bid" and "Tata Consortium ahead of RIL in VSNL sweepstakes", which appeared in Economic Times, dated the 5th February, 2002;